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LUCY LEYTON.

By Mrs. C. H. Butler.

Concluded.

'No Lucy. Now go and get pen, ink, and paper; this must be answered.'

Quite pale and frightened, Lucy brought her little desk and placed it on the table.

'Are you ready?' said Mr. Leyton, 'well then begin, Mr. Edward—what's his name—Bartine—'

'Yes sir.'

'You are a base, designing young man—'

'Must I say so father? indeed, he is no such thing" interrupted Lucy, looking up all in tears.

'I say he is—go on—'you are a base, designing young man, so although I am but a farmer's daughter, never presume to address another letter to me.' Have you wrote that, very well, now add, 'My father desires his compliments, and would like to try the strength of his new raw hide upon your shoulders' Lucy sobbed aloud.

'Now say, 'Respectfully, very, Lucy Leyton.'

Mr. Leyton took up the blotted page, read it, sealed and directed it, and put it in his pocket. Then taking Lucy in his arms and kissing her said—'My darling I would not grieve you for the world, what I am doing is for your good, and you will thank me for it one of these days.

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'What the mischief ails the girl, I wonder? she don't eat, she don't sleep, and half the time there are tears in her pretty eyes, her rosy cheeks are gone, and every now and then she sighs enough to break one's heart. Confound that fellow, I wish I had kept her home something must be done, or else she'll die. Thus soliloquised Andrew Leyton, a few weeks after the scene just related. Now Mr. Leyton was neither a severe nor an obstinate man, there was never a more tender father, nor a kinder master. He knew that there were unprincipled young men enough, who solely from vanity and for self-gratulation, would not scruple to win the affections of a young artless girl like Lucy, and his jealous fears imputed the same unworthy motive to the professions of young Edward Bartine. Thus it was his love for his only child, amounting almost to idolatry, which had caused him to take the step he had done, he was a father, who can blame him. Yet it cut him to the heart when he saw how poor Lucy suffered from his well meant kindness.

'Something must be done!' again exclaimed Mr. Leyton, slowly pacing to and fro the little porch, and watching with a sad perplexed countenance, the straight figure of Lucy, strolling pensively through the garden, and at length the 'something' took upon itself a shape which mightily pleased his fancy.

Mr. Leyton had one sister, who, in his boyhood had emigrated, together with almost every member of the Leyton family, to the far west. She had married there, but had been early left a widow, with one son. Andrew had several times offered her a home in his house; but the distance was great, new friends and new associations had been formed to supplant earlier ties, and the widow, though grateful for her brother's kindness, preferred the banks of the Ohio to the fertile vale of the Connecticut. Now Mr. Leyton had no son, and a vague idea had now and then seized him, to unite Lucy to his sister's child. Thus the great Leyton farm would be continued in the family, when he was dead and gone.—True he had never seen him—but what of that—he was certain he must be fine fellow, a good honest lad, for all the Leytons were so from the beginning. 'Yes, I will write this very night!' said Mr. Leyton, stopping suddenly in his walk, as this bright thought suggested itself, 'I'll just invite Reuben to come and see the old homestead, where his grandfather lived, and then if he only takes a fancy to Lu, which of course he cannot fail of doing, I shall be happy as a lord; he will soon drive this college scapegrace from her mind!'

'Lu, how do you like your Cousin Reuben?' said Mr. Leyton.

Lucy looked up from her work and smiled faintly, as she replied: 'My dear father, you know I have never seen him.'

'True, neither have I, but I tell you what Lu, I am going to write out to Reuben to come on and make us a visit, and bring his mother too, if he will; how should you like it.

'Very much indeed, I shall be delighted to see *Aunt* Richards, whom you have so often talked to me about.'

'And Cousin Reuben too?'

Yes of course I should.

Well Lu, I hope you will like Reuben, for do you know I have set my heart upon having him for a son-in-law, what say you?' said Mr. Leyton abruptly.

Lucy at once burst into tears, and went on to protest in the most earnest manner, that she should never marry; she would not marry for the world, she could never love anybody; she wished her father would not talk so, she was very happy as she was, O, very happy indeed.

However Mr. Leyton wrote the letter, and being very busy, for it was haying time, told Lucy to take it to the office.

What put it into Lucy's little head to do as she did I don't know, and I will not pretend to anticipate such a piece of mischief, not I, I will only state facts.

'DEAR MR. EDWARD BARTINE,—I have thought of you a great many times since I wrote those few lines to you, which you must have considered very strange. My father made me write them, for he does not know you, or I am sure he never would have done so. You will forgive him, won't you? If you would like to come here during the vacation, as you said you should, I shall be very happy to see you, and I dare say my dear father will like you very much—I dont see how he can help it. If you have a wish to come, please take a hint from the inclosed letter to my Cousin Reuben Richards. LUCY LEYTON,

P. S. If you have no use for the inclosed please forward it to the address.'

Just think now, of Lucy Leyton writing such a letter, but she did? And then she neatly folded it, inclosing the one designed for Mr. Reuben Richards, with a glowing cheek and palpitating bosom, she directed it to Mr. Edward Bartine, Yale College. New Haven, and putting on her bonnet and shawl, tripped fleetly to the office and deposited it.

'Ah, she'll come round right yet,' said Mr. Leyton, a few days after, as he over heard Lucy singing one of her lively songs.

In due time, allowing for the speed of steamboats, rail cars, and stages all the way from the Ohio, a young man, with a ponderous leather trunk, alighted at Mr. Leyton's gate. It was after dinner, and the farmer was enjoying his afternoon pipe, while Lucy, sitting very quietly at his side, was reading the village news. But all of a sudden, as she saw the young man approaching, she sprung up in the strangest confusion, and ran into the house. Mr. Leyton rose up, put down his pipe, and advanced to meet the youth.

'This must be my dear nephew, Reuben" he said, extending his hand, 'I know the true Leyton look. I am glad to see you my lad!'

'Thank you Uncle Leyton, how are you—how is Lucy?' replied the stranger, warmly shaking hands.

'She is well Reuben, and will be very glad to see you, come into the house—you must be weary after such a long journey. Lucy, Lucy! why where has she flown to: Lucy! oh, here she comes Well Lu, we have got him at last, this is your Cousin Reuben, give her a kiss, thats right.

Lucy turned very pale when she first cast her eyes upon her cousin, who with very red hair and a somewhat limping gait advanced to salute her, then a rosy blush, and an arch smile but half suppressed stole over her pretty face. But she blushed still deeper, and drew timidly back from the tender embrace that her young relative would fain have bestowed upon her.

'My own dear Lucy,' was softly whispered in her ear.

'So your mother would'nt venture with you, said Mr. Leyton, 'well I am sorry, for it is many a long year since we met, I hope that she is strong and healthy, Reuben?'

'Not very, she is greatly troubled with the rheumatism.'

'That's bad. How are all the rest of the folks, how is Uncle Bill, and *Deacon* Gracie?'

'Dead.'

Bless me, dead! you don't say your poor uncle Bill is dead?' exclaimed Mr. Leyton, aghast at such news of an only brother.

'*N*—not exactly dead, but half killed with the rheumatism I mean, and the Deacon, why the Deacon has gone off to California.'

'What, Deacon Gracie gone to California, well that beats all. I'll warrant old *Mr* Stubbs is living.'

'Dead a year ago.'

Dead? what killed him, I should like to know for I thought him good for a hundred years.'

'Rheumatism, Uncle.'

Rheumatism again, what in the world do you live in such a climate for. Well *Reuben* how do you like your Cousin Lucy's looks. I think she is some like your mother, who resembles the Darlings more than the Leytons.'

I think Lucy is a decided *Dar*ling, replied Cousin Reuben, with a sly glance at the fair object in question.

But you look more like the Leytons, all but your hair, none of the *Ley*tons ever had red red hair,' continued the farmer, and excuse me, but I must say I could never abide it, however I guess you will reconcile me to it. What makes you limp so nephew, nothing serious I hope.

O, no nothing but rheumatism uncle Andrew.

Good gracious, rheumatism again. Now make yourself at home will you, for I must go and look after my men. Lucy take good care of your Cousin I will soon be back,'

A week or more passed on, Lucy and her Cousin agreed wonderfully, and Mr Leyton was in a perfect ecstacy at the recovered bloom and spirits of his lovely daughter.

'Ah Lu,' said he one day pinching her cheek, what do you think of Cousin Reuben now, aint he worth a dozen of your college fellows?'

Lucy protested she really liked Reuben just as well as she had ever liked Mrs Tracy's nephew.

Reuben was a geologist, and he explained to Mr *Ley*ton how some portions of his farm, which he thought the most unproductive, might be make to yield good crops—he was an architect, and he drew the plan of the new house which Mr, *Ley*ton designed to erect in the spring. He was a botanist, and geometrician and astronomer

'And latin was no more deficile,
Than for a blackbird 'tis to whistle.'

'Why how in the world did you pick up so much learning out west. I should think you had been to college by the way you talk!' said Mr Leyton one evening addressing his nephew, who had just been expounding some knotty point.

Yes uncle, and I have just taken my degree, replied Reuben looking at cousin Lucy,

'You the deuce you have, why where did your mother raise the money to send you to college?'

My education was provided for by my grandfather's will.'

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It was eh! well I am glad of it, and so the Richard's family were a good stock after all. I am sure I never dreamed you had been to college, though I thought from the first that you knew considerable for your years.'

'Thank you Uncle Andrew.'

'My dear uncle I shall soon receive my diploma for the practice of medicine, then if you will give me dear Lucy for a wife, I will buy that pretty cottage at the foot of the hill and commence business.

'You buy it? No, no, I am able to buy it myself and give it to Lucy on her wedding day. I am sorry you dont like the farm better, for I had set my heart upon seeing you settled upon the old family estate, but no matter. Come here Lu, will you marry your Cousin Reuben? Ah, I see you will—here take her nephew, she is yours—God bless you.'

Lucy burst into tears, and for a moment her lover also appeared very much agitated.

He took Mr Leyton's hand—'Then you really like me Uncle?

'First rate, lad.'

'And you dont know any one else whom you would prefer for a son in law.

'Always had my eye on you Reuben:

'But suppose you have been imposed upon, suppose that I am not your nephew after all!'

'Ho, ho, imposed upon, not my nephew, don't talk to me, imposed upon. pooh, dont I know the *Leyton* look. all but the red hair I wonder where you got that from.

'I bought it of Frizeur and *Frizette*, French barbers, Broadway New York, it is a capital wig. don't you think so,' replied the young man coolly taking it off, and handing it for the inspection of Mr. Leyton.

'Hey, why what's all this, who are you, what does this mean,' exclaimed Mr Leyton starting up in astonishment, wig in hand, and staring at the fine looking youth with dark brown locks, who was now bending so tenderly over Lucy.

'Mr Leyton why should I hesitate to confess who I am.' was the answer, since you have already assured me of your affection and your willingness to bestow upon me this dear hand. My name is Edward Bartine.'

'Bartine, Bartine; why that is the same fellow——'

'That you was going to try your new razor upon my dear sir.

'Hum, and if I had it here I would try it now.

'Say Mr Leyton will you forgive me, will you still confer upon me your dear Lucy! may I as Edward Bartine again receive the priceless gift you but now bestowed on Cousin Reuben!'

'You have deceived me young man,' replied Mr Leyton, although I acknowledge I was wrong to harbour such prejudice against a stranger. Would there was not so much depravity in the world as to warrant my suspicions—but so it is, an upright noble minded young man must sometimes suffer for the unprincipled libertinisme of those who best serve the devil by beguiling the purest and fairest of God's creatures. But I forgive the deception. You were no less a stranger to me as Edward Bartine than as Reuben Richards, and I have learned to love you: Yes you shall have Lucy and the pretty white cottage to boot Once more I give her to you and again I say, God bless you and make you both happy my dear children.

'Dear father,' said Lucy, here is that letter for Cousin *Reuben*, shall we send it?'

'Ah, you little jade, now I understand, send it. yes, and we will have them all here to the wedding, if—the rheumatism will permit! ha, ha, what a lame concern you made of them eh.'

'Yes—my dear sir, but the plot has not proved a lame one,' replied Edward laughing.

Dr, Bartine and the charming Lucy reside in the beautiful villa noticed in the commencement of this sketch, which however Edward insisted upon purchasing himself.

Mrs Richards and her son Reuben accepted the invitation of Andrew Leyton, and now reside altogether at the farm: Reuben is a great favorite with his uncle who however, acknowledges that Edward pleases him best for a son in-law. It is said that Reuben will soon be married to a pretty girl in the neighborhood, and will without doubt, succeed to the Leyton farm.

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE THIRTY FIRST U. S, CONGRESS.

Continued from last Huntress.

Hon. Thomas S. Haymond.

Mr. H. is a new member of the Thirty-first Congress from Virginia, and comes in the room of Hon. Wm. G. Brown. He is bordering upon middle age—about common height, with a stout robust figure—hale, and vigorous as a boy, with a portly graceful form. His face is rather oval, full, with regular bold manly features of the medium shade, and a delicate carnation bloom. His hair is jet black and curls beautifully all over his head. His forehead is of the common depth, and denotes a fearless temperament and a vigorous mind. His lofty brow has an expression of that order of independence which is unawed by frowns or won by flattery; and denotes a generous heart, while his dark hazel eye is full, keen and piercing, and betokens that indelible trait of manly kindness which binds soul to soul. His countenance is open, frank and benevolent, and his manners are artless and pleasing. He reminds one much of the old times pioneers.

Hon. James M. H. BEALE.

Mr. B. is a new member of the Thirty-first Congress from Virginia, and comes in the room of Hon. Robert A. Thompson. He is in the prime of manhood, about six feet in height, with a stout manly figure of becoming size and form. His face is round, rather full, and fair as a ladys, with handsome regular features, which is peculiar to his family whom we knew well, living as they did in an adjoining county to our residence. Wearing his hat and being in haste to take his seat, the House just going into session, we can give but a brief sketch of his appearance. His hair is rather light—his eye a fine azure, is full, bright and gentle, and beams with a steady glow of serenity, which bespeaks a solidity of mind quite imposing. His brow is firm and tranquil, as if nought without could ruffle the repose within. His countenance is open and intelligent, and denotes a man of general knowledge and gentlemanly accomplishments.

Mr. Beale appertains to one of the first families in Western Virginia. They were all men of large capital, and extensively engaged in business. The present member of Congress however, could scarcely have been in existence when we left that part of the country, about fifty years since.

Hon. CHARLES DURKEE.

Mr. D. is a new member of the Thirty-first Congress from Wisconsin, and comes in the room of Hon. William P. Lynde. Mr. D. is quite young to be a member, and a real good looking man, notwithstanding his Free Soil notions. *But* the moment we saw his fine open countenance, it was clear that he had been the dupe of those treacherous Church & State men, and asked him at once 'how he could side with a set of unprincipled men in one of the blackest conspiricies that ever was hatched, under the name of Free Soilers, which name these enemies to political and religious freedom, the one controlling the other, to accomplish their treachery, as it holds out the most flattering prospect of success. For openly they never can succeed.

But we found Mr. Durkee as much opposed to Church and State as any man, and this is the case with many others. Mr. D. as we have already said, is a pleasant man, and has no more of the fanatic or bigot in him than we have. He is rather a tall stout man, with pleasing features, black hair, and a mild blue eye, full of human kindness. His face is round, fair and full, with a pleasing countenance; while his plain off-hand manners are genuine, and shows a frankness peculiar to Western members.

Mr. Ashton.

Mr. Ashton, if we do not mistake the name, is a visitor from Texas. He is a young looking modest man, low of stature, but stout built. His face is round, full, and dark as a Spaniard. His eyes are bright, large and beautiful, being almost black. His countenance is innocent and mild as the dove, with prepossessing manners.

From his broken English we took him to be either a Frenchman or a Spaniard,

NEW CLERKS AT THE CAPITOL.

Hen. H, Heath, Esq.

Mr. H. is in the *full* bloom of manhood, upon whom nature has bestowed her favors with a liberal hand—with a tall comely figure at least six feet in height, and a form of the finest mould. His face is round, full and fair, his hair is black, & falls over his expansive forehead in graceful clusters. His fine full eye is a dark hazel, and beams with vivacity and genius, and bespeaks benignity and human kindness itself. His modest brow stamped with gentleness and purity, would seem to woo the blessings of peace and good nature. His classic countenance, his manners and conversation are eminently pleasing. May his efforts be crowned with success.

Mr. Barton,

This is another young man that deserves particular attention, when we say young man we mean youthful, whether lad or man—such being the dispatch we are compelled to use in visits, sketches, and writing, in order to meet our pledges to the public leaves us less time than we wish to do justice to our friends. Mr B. is the son of Judge *Barton*, an esteemed friend of ours, formerly

He is a tall splendid figure, though being seated at his desk we cannot speak of him accurately. But there is a strong resemblence between him and his friend Mr, Heath, only more staid: His hair is black as the raven, rich and glossy. His face is partially round and full, rather fair, with features peculiarly regular and manly, His dark hazel eye is full and dazzling, and betokens depth of mind, and that most precious of all the jewels ascribed to the human countenance—benevolence. His lofty forehead, modest and tranquil as zephyrs—and his smooth serene brow bespeaks a man of cool judgment for his years, and great magnanimity of temper. If there be any error in this brief sketch, our friend must blame himself, as he sat with his face in the shade.

A. R. Farquhar, Esq.

Ah, here follows our Adonis, the flower of the flock and a Pennsylvanian too. Mr. F. is in the meridian of life, with a tall stout figure—of his form we cannot speak definitely as he was seated, and the best part of him hid by his desk. *But* he has the most enviable features and countenance in the world. His face is oval, full fair and roseate, with a lofty forehead of singular beauty of expression. His mild blue melting eye drops with human kindness, and denotes a guiless soul. His gentle brow is serene as the sleeping lake, and bespeaks great sweetness of temper. But his countenance is beyond our powers of description—open, bland and erudite, it is the mirror of innocence and suavity.

ERRATA.

In speaking of the rudeness of the Capitol boys. we ought to have excepted *Master Bell*, a charming youth.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS

The 'Widow's mite.'

It may be presumption in us to add our feeble voice to the general joy. Our worthy members worn down with their protracted and unceasing struggles, with the foes of liberty, will be hailed with delight. May they forever receive the confidence and kindness of man, and the favor of Heaven.

SPEECH OF Hon, AUGUSTUS C, DODGE OF IOWA.

We are proud of Gen Dodge, for the manly spirit displayed in his speech on the Compromise bill: Not only his own State but the whole country are much indebted to him for the bold and fearless manner in which he met the falacy of his opponents, and in few words laid open their insidious designs. The facility with which he separates right from wrong—truth from falsehood, and strips the mask from the face of hypocrites, shows him to be a man of sound judgment and a true hearted patriot. Hear him. [A little playful better than venom.]

"I cannot believe they think what they say. This whole movement has been political rather than philanthropical. These gentlemen do not. they cannot, believe in their souls, that there is any probability whatever that southern slaveholders will beat the enterprising freemen of the North and West in the arduous enterprise of settling these cold and elevated Territories of Utah and New Mexico, and there establish by force of their majority, the institution of domestic slavery; and yet for the sake of a little transient political capital——

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair must admonish the Senator that his remarks are not strictly in order.

Mr DODGE. I may be allowed *I hope*, to say that I have not a great deal of respect for those persons. I will not intimate that there are any present [laughter] who seek to ride into the Senate and House of Representatives on a 'nigger's back.' I have not a very high appreciation of that sort of pseudo-philanthropy, which passes by objects of benevolence and charity at home, to go a thousand or fifteen hundred miles into other States and communities, in quest of pessons on whom to lavish its gratuitous kindness; which gets up books, caricatures, and effigies, depicting the alleged horrors of slavery, to excite and harass the old maiden ladies, and men of weak nerves, in the free States. Yet these are the characters who are endeavoring to lead and give direction to the affairs of this nation, and who contribute largely to get up these agitations, the evil results of which have been made manifest by rendering Congress for the two years past, unable to discharge its duty."

☞ THE NATIONAL ERA.

Our friend the Doctor, seems to bear his disappointment with great moderation and philosophy, upon the result of the late Territorial acts of Congress—we see no more violent malversations or 'God's laws,'—so far as the Doctor is concerned 'God's law has little weight without 'some of that money out of God's treasury.'

We are pleased however to find the Doctor coming to his proper senses—only a small contribution about 'womens rights,' and a womens convention. To use a homely phraze 'we smoke" your correspondent sir, though the poor thing had the meanness to conceal his name.

We suspect 'Gods treasury' has grown low—that some of those pious ones have been playing Crawford with it, and that as (unfortunately] women were the most active in filling it, the object is to flatter them by a reorganization to come to the rescue. They, the defeated can do nothing without armies of women. Shame on our men.

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